Foreign Employment Bureaus in the country

*227. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) States in India where Foreign Employment Bureaus have been set up, State-wise, details thereof;

(b) the details of persons registered under this Bureau in Haryana from 1st October, 2005 to 30th November, 2008; and

(c) number of persons from Haryana provided employment abroad during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) As per information received from the States, 4 Foreign Employment Bureaus/Overseas Employment Bureaus, one each in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab have been set up. In addition, the Government of Tamil Nadu has set up Overseas Manpower Corporation Ltd for promotion of employment of Indian manpower in foreign countries.

(b) and (c) The Government of Haryana has informed that the office of Overseas Placement Bureau in Haryana was set up on 17.1.2007. Since then, 9555 applicants have got registered themselves for overseas placements. So far, 35 applicants have been placed abroad in various countries for employment through this Bureau.

Report of Task Force on terror and naxal violence

*228. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that keeping in view the danger posed to the internal security of the country by terror and naxal violence elements, a decision has been taken to form a Task Force in the country;

(b) if so, when the decision was taken;

(c) when was this decision implemented; and

(d) persons who have been selected for this Task Force, the expertise they possess, and by when the Task Force will submit its report to the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The Prime Minister in the Conference of Directors General of Police/Inspectors General of Police and Chiefs of Central Police Organisations held on 22-23.11.2008, suggested establishment of Task Force which should initiate a 100 days plan to develop an integrated capability to address emerging challenges in areas such as Left Wing Extremism (LWE), terrorism and insurgency; improve the ability to anticipate and prevent surprises, through closely networked intelligence collaboration and upgradation of both human

and technological intelligence; create an awareness regarding the critical importance of strategic foresight in regard to social and political developments; develop a net-centric Information command structure that enables States and Central agencies to access and exploit Information in a secure manner and well in time; strengthen inter-state and inter-agency cooperation; and ensure innovation and technological leadership. The Task Force with suitable representation from the Central and State agencies, is to come out with a road map regarding the detailed steps to be taken immediately as also the subsequent steps to be taken over the next several months so as to translate this vision of an Integrated net-centric capability into reality.

Loss of life and property due to floods

*229. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total loss of life and property in the last floods in different States; and

(b) the final estimate of claim of Orissa Government for floods and the total money released for Flood Damage Restoration (FDR) to Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) A Statement indicating the State-wise loss of human lives, animal lost, and damage to crops and houses due to floods *etc.* during the current year 2008-09 is enclosed. (*see* below)

(b) to ensure ready availability of funds with the States to undertake rescue and relief operations in the wake of natural calamities, a Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) has been constituted for each State, which is contributed by Government of India and the State Governments in the ratio of 75:25. Central share is released in two equal installments — first In June and second in December. Additional financial assistance is also provided from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) in the wake of a natural calamity of a severe nature in accordance with the laid down procedure.

The State of Orissa has been, allocated an amount of Rs. 328.97 crore in CRF for the year 2008-09 consisting of Rs. 246.73 crore as Central contribution and Rs. 82.24 crore as State contribution. The 1st Installment of the Central share of CRF amounting to Rs. 123.365 crore was released to the State, on 25th June 2008. On the request of the State Government, the Government of India has also released, in advance, 2nd installment of the Central share of CRF amounting to Rs. 123.365 crore on 8th October, 2008 to the State pending receipt of utilization certificate and Annual Report. In addition, Rs. 77.766 crore was released in advance in October, 2008 from the Central share of CRF for the year 2009-10. Besides this, Rs. 98.869 crore as "on account" basis has been released from NCCF, to the State Government for management of flood-2008 on 8th October, 2008.

The State Government of Orissa had initially submitted a memorandum on 25th November, 2008 and thereafter rectified the infirmities and submitted final memorandum which has been received in the Ministry of Home Affairs on 11th December, 2008 projecting a Central assistance of Rs. 2687.43 crore from NCCF for relief operations in the areas affected by floods during 2008.